

UNITED BY A COMMON GRIEF.

STRONG VIABILITY OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

FOLLOWING IN ITS FOUNDER'S FOOTSTEPS—SEEKING A SUCCESSOR TO MR. BEECHER.

It is almost four months since the death of Mr. Beecher; and if the predictions of those who declared that Plymouth Church would fail to pieces the moment its great pastor was gone are to be verified, there should be some sign of the expected disintegration. But so far as outside appearances go, the church was never more strongly united than now, and the manifestations of interest in the services and work were never more gratifying. While the future of the great organization which Mr. Beecher built up by his years of work in Brooklyn has engrossed much thought and anxiety, the members have been content to devote themselves to conserving the interests of the present, leaving the future to care for it to a great degree.

While Mr. Beecher was alive he often found fault for the apparent lack of spirituality in the church, and complained because the members depended almost entirely upon him for the conduct of the prayer-meetings. But as soon as he was no longer there to lead them, scores of those who never dared to speak or pray in his presence seemed to have their tongues loosened, and have since taken prominent parts in the exercises. Instead of many vacant seats at the Friday evening meetings, as was the rule when Mr. Beecher had charge in late years, the lecture-room has frequently been crowded to its fullest capacity in the last four months. The attendance at the Sunday morning services has been almost as large as when Mr. Beecher preached, while the Sunday evening lectures by Professor R. W. Raymond for eight weeks have nearly filled the church. When they were begun it was thought that the lecture-room would be large enough, but it was too small the first evening, and the audience adjourned to the church, which has since been used.

The pulpit has been occupied by the following well-known ministers since the church became pastorless: Thomas Armitage, Lyman Abbott, George E. Reed, John W. Malcolm, James Powell, William Burnet Wright, Samuel G. Smith, William M. Taylor, Joseph H. Twissell, Luther T. Townsend, Reuben Thomas, Henry M. Sanders, Charles E. Stowe and Samuel Seibold. The pulpit will be filled to-day by the Rev. T. T. Everett, and next Sunday by the Rev. W. B. Brown, of East Orange, N. J. After that the church will be closed until the third Sunday in September. Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, will preach on the first two Sundays in October.

No one of those that fair invited to preach can in any way be regarded as a candidate for the pulpit. The intention has been to secure the services of representative ministers whose positions are such that they would not be regarded as available. The first steps in regard to the matter of supplying the pulpit permanently were taken when the new Advisory Committee was constituted. This is composed of twenty-one of the leading members of the church, including S. V. White, A. D. Seecomb, R. W. Raymond, Augustus Storrs, A. D. Wheelock, T. J. Tilney, F. C. Marvel, R. W. Ropes, Thomas G. Shearman, L. A. Stanwood, John Clafin, R. T. Bush, H. L. Pratt, C. T. Christensen, H. W. Wheeler, John T. Howard, John W. Mason, O. A. Gager, George W. Brush, M. C. Ogden, Alonso Slein and Frank Rudd. To this committee was referred a month ago the work of assisting the church in the selection of a permanent pastor.

R. W. Raymond has been made chairman of the committee, and F. C. Marvel, Mr. Marvel is authorized to receive all communications. In relation to the matter of supplying the pulpit, and already a long list of names has been submitted. He will spend his vacation at Leicester, Mass., and some of his time will be devoted to putting matters in shape for a meeting of the Advisory Committee in the autumn. He had this to say last week to a TRIBUNE reporter in regard to the affairs of the church:

The whole question of securing a pastor will come before a church meeting daily called for that special purpose. The church rules say: "The choice of a pastor must be made at a meeting especially called for that purpose by notice from the pulpit on two successive Sundays." Then the church has to make application to the Ecclesiastical Society, which alone has power to fix the salary. The Advisory Committee is not empowered to make any choice for the church; but if its members agree their choice will be undoubtedly given weight with the rest of the church.

No steps will be taken, I think we can find a man in this country, however, who will be able to carry the church forward successfully, and I have done my best to help him. Solid culture in English, Music, Art and Languages. Twenty years begin September 1. For circular address the principal.

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